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Letter of Appeal
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Reference: CC Docket No. 96-45 and CC Docket No. 02-6

Request for Review in reference Funding Request Number 1606533

The Funding Commitment Adjustment Explanation provided in the Funding Commitment Adjustment Report for FRN 1606533 states:

After a thorough investigation, it has been determined that funds were improperly disbursed on this funding request. During the course of an audit it was determined that the equipment for which you requested discounts in your funding request has not been utilized in accordance with program rules. FCC rules require that applicants have secured all the necessary resources to make effective use of the equipment and that the equipment is used for an educational purpose. During the audit review it was determined that a post discount amount of \$555.00 in equipment was held in storage after the allowable time frame for installation. Since a review has revealed that equipment has not be utilized according to program rules, USAC must seek recovery of all funds improperly disbursed that are associated with the equipment not being utilized. Accordingly, USAC is seeking recovery of \$555.00 which was improperly disbursed.

The Aberdeen School District provides the educational services for youth incarcerated in the Grays Harbor Youth Detention Facility. The facility is owned and operated by Grays Harbor County. County personnel are therefore responsible for any modifications made within the facility. The electrical service needed to be upgraded in order to meet the power requirements for a portion of the equipment included in FRN 1606533. We had been assured this work would be completed in time for the anticipated installation of the equipment. However, due to a number of reasons, they were not able to complete the work in a timely fashion. As a result, the equipment was not installed within the required 90-day window after purchase. When the work was finally completed, the equipment was installed and is still being used according to requirements.

While a small percentage of the equipment in this case was not installed within USAC sanctioned timelines, it was installed and is being used to provide educational benefits to the students as per the Erate program. There was never any intent to circumvent or defraud the program in any way. Procedures have been implemented to assure that all network hardware will be put into service in a timely manner and we will make sure all preparations, including any electrical

modifications are made prior to ordering equipment. We will request extensions from USAC should the installation of the equipment not be possible prior to the prescribed cut-off point. In addition, all district technology support staff have received additional training covering Erate requirements. We ask that the decision made in this case be reconsidered.

Sincerely,

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